

## MONTE CRISTO MOSHER

AFTER an imprisonment of fourteen years in the Chateau d'If Edmond Dantes found on the Island of Monte Cristo a box of diamonds and money that enabled him to return to France and become an omnipotent Mida. C. W. Mosher found his treasure box, and he takes his imprisonment after, instead of before his accession to financial eminence.

If the box found on the island was an inexhaustible mine of wealth, the treasure chest yeelp the Capital National bank, which Mosher opened so successfully, was a source of almost unlimited supply, and this modern Monte Cristo was as splendid in his plunderings as was the count in his expenditures. If the count complacently drew on the Baron Danglers for a million francs, Mosher with equal sang froid tapped the Western Manufacturing company and drew out a note for \$20,000, for immediate discount, or with the utmost complaisance pocketed \$50,000 or \$75,000 belonging to the state.

And the sum total of Mosher's plunder, \$2,000,000, is not so greatly out of proportion to the immense sum suddenly placed in the possession of the Count of Monte Cristo. If Dantes became in one day the titled lord of Monte Cristo and the possessor of fabulous wealth, Mosher became in less than a year the western Napoleon of finance and the possessor of \$2,000,000 of actual cash.

For there is no doubt but that Mosher's plunderings nearly all occurred within a year of the final collapse of the bank.

A great deal has been written about Mosher's peculations; but there is, nevertheless, a very scant appreciation of the magnitude of this man's stealings. Few realize or believe that Mosher stole \$2,000,000, and nearly all in a year's time.

A consideration of the facts herewith presented will make it reasonably apparent that his peculations amounted to the sum stated.

Within the last two or three weeks notes of the Western Manufacturing company amounting to the sum of \$330,000 were brought into court, and since that time \$25,000 more has turned up, making a grand total of \$355,000 of these fraudulent Western Manufacturing company notes accounted for to date, not one of which was ever paid, and every one of which was issued by Mosher for the sole purpose of theft. These notes all ran to the Capital National bank, and were all discounted through the bank or Mosher. The Chemical National, of New York, got \$50,000 of them. The first note was issued in September, 1892, and up to January 1, 1893, only about \$40,000 had been issued. Then Mosher began his fine work in earnest. From January, 1892, to January 19, 1893, or a few days more than a year, Mosher coined the magnificent sum of \$315,000 in these notes.

Here is how he got in his work just

before the bank closed: On January 6 he discounted one note for \$5,000, on the 12th, one for \$10,000, and on the 19th, the last day the bank was open, one for \$10,000.

Among the papers that were found in the bank were three more notes for \$5,000, already signed and ready for discount, but evidently forgotten in Mr. Mosher's haste.

It is not contended that Bank Examiner Griffith did not know about these notes, and about some of the other crooked transactions, and yet he said nothing.

Something like an approximate idea of the extent of Mosher's stealings may be gathered from the following showing: \$355,000 fraudulent Western Manufacturing company's notes.

\$230,000 state funds.

\$42,000 county funds.

\$21,000 city funds.

\$107,000 individual notes belonging to the bank and stolen by Mosher.

\$300,000, the capital of the bank—all gone.

\$356,000, individual deposits subject to check—all gone.

\$158,000, demand certificates of deposit—all gone.

(Both of these items are taken from the last statement of the bank, and both are incorrect. It is believed that these two items amounted to at least \$600,000.)

ADDITIONAL NOTES DISCOUNTED.

\$20,000, Cadis National bank, Cadis, O.

\$5,000, Harrison National bank, Harrison, O.

\$10,000, Dixon National bank, Dixon, Ill.

\$10,000, Peoples National bank, Rhode Island.

\$13,000, Younger Bros, Des Moines, Ia.

\$10,000, Lang Bros, Des Moines.

\$5,000, First National bank, Poultney, Vt.

\$17,500, Jones National bank, Seward, Neb.

Then there was \$25,000 belonging to Dr. and Mrs. King; \$12,500, Thomas Bailey, Seward, Neb.; \$5,000, Isaac Holt, Seward; \$7,000, bank of Utica, Neb.; \$12,000, Bank of Staplehurst, Neb.; \$7,000, Lincoln Savings bank; \$10,000, Union Savings bank; \$20,000, Hargreaves Bros.; \$30,000 note which Mosher got R. H. Townley to endorse.

These are a few of the major operations of Monte Cristo Mosher. Several hundred thousand dollars were stolen that are not included in the above figures.

To do all this Mosher was compelled to do some bookkeeping, the like of which was never seen before, involving false entries, erasures, etc., and yet Bank Examiner Griffith held his peace.

Feeling over the Mosher matter has to some extent, died out, but there are spasmodic manifestations of indignation, and lately there has been considerable talk concerning Griffith's part in the wholesale robbery. It is a matter of general surprise that the government has not made an investigation of Griffith's conduct. There are people in this city who think he is just as culpable as Mosher. He was, and is paid to protect the interests of the public, and instead, he protected Mosher, and allowed innocent people to be defrauded. And he is permitted to retain his position, and is now examining Nebraska banks.

In the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska.

At the session of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, continued and held at the United States Court room in the city of Lincoln, in said State on the 18th day of January 1894, the Honorable Elmer S. Dundy being present and presiding in said court the following among other proceedings were had and done; to-wit:

Joseph G. Bounds, Plaintiff,

vs. Louie Meyer, and Annie Meyer, his wife, et al., Defendants.

In Chancery. Order on Absence of Defendants.

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Now on the 18th day of January 1894, being at the January term A. D. 1894, of said court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of said court that this is a suit commenced to enforce a mortgage lien upon real property within the said District, and that William Abeles, president and directors of the Insurance company, of North America, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Samuel Weil, August Weil and William M. Haskell, partners doing business under the firm name of Weil, Haskell & company; H. B. Clafflin & company, a corporation; Henry Rice, William Stix, Benjamin Eiseman, David Eiseman, Johnathan Rice and Elias Michael, partners doing business under the firm name of Rice, Stix & company and Mins L. Vinson, defendants, herein are not inhabitants or residents of and have not been found within the said District and have not voluntarily appeared in this suit. On motion of Pound & Burr, solicitors for the said plaintiff, it is considered by the court and ordered that the said defendants above named to be and they are hereby directed to appear and plead, answer or demur to the plaintiff's bill of complaint on or before Monday, April 2nd, 1894; and that in default thereof an order be entered in this cause taking the said bill pro confesso.

It is further ordered by the court that at least twenty days before the said Monday, April 2nd, 1894, a copy of this order be served upon said defendants not inhabitants of and who have not been found within the said District, wherever found if practicable, and also upon the person or persons in possession or charge of the real property described in plaintiff's said bill of complaint, if any there be and that this order be published for six successive weeks in the SATURDAY MORNING COURIER, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said District of Nebraska.

ELMER S. DUNDY, Judge.

The United States of America, ss. District of Nebraska.

I, Elmer D. Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, do hereby certify, that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an order entered upon the journal of the proceedings of said Court, in the cause therein entitled; that I have compared the same with the original entry of said order, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

Witness my Official Signature, and the Seal of said Court, at Lincoln, in said District, this Eighteenth day of January A. D. 1894.

ELMER D. FRANK, Clerk.

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Notice of Probate of Will.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

In re estate of Klias Borchers, deceased.

The State of Nebraska to Mrs. Wopke Borchers, Mrs. Borchers, Anna Borchers, Abbo Borchers, Claus Borchers, John Borchers and Dina Borchers, and to any others interested in said matters.

You are hereby notified that an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Klias Borchers deceased, is on file in said court, and also a petition praying for the probate of said instrument, and for the appointment of Henry Veith as executor thereof. That on the 20th day of February, 1894, at 10 o'clock a. m., said petition and the proof of the execution of said instrument will be heard, and that if you do not then appear and contest, said court may probate and record the same, and grant administration of the estate to said Henry Veith as executor.

This notice shall be published for three weeks successively in the Saturday Morning Courier prior to said hearing.

Witness my hand and official seal this 20th day of January, 1894.

I. W. LANSING, County Judge.

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Notice Petition for Letters.

Notice petition for letters in re estate of William D. Martin, deceased, in County Court, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska to Radie J. Hill, the heir and next of kin of the said William D. Martin, deceased.

Take notice, That upon filing a written petition signed by Radie J. Hill, praying this Court to grant Letters of Administration of said estate to William W. Hill. It is ordered that said matter be set for hearing on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1894, before said County Court, in the Court house in Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and contest the same; and notice of this proceeding is ordered published one week in the Saturday Morning Courier, a weekly news paper published in this state.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the County Court of said county at Lincoln this 18th day of February, A. D. 1894.

I. W. LANSING, County Judge.

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W. T. KELLEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HURON BLOCK, Notice.

Both M. Maston, Jennie Maston, Amalia Schilling and Schilling, her husband, and name unknown, Isabelle Fleck and K. J. Fleck, defendants, will take notice that on the 18th day of January, 1894, Lincoln Loan and Building association, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain mortgage executed and assumed by the defendants to the plaintiff upon lot eight (8) block two (2) Madison square addition to Lincoln, to secure the payment of certain promissory notes dated May 11, 1890, for the sum of \$200 and due and payable in three years from date thereof; that there is now due upon said mortgage the sum of \$200 and interest, for which sum and interest due, plaintiff prays for a decree that defendants be ordered to pay the same or that said premises be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer this petition on or before the 15th day of March, 1894.

Wm. T. Kelley, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated January 25, 1894.

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Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the Third Judicial District of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster County, in an action wherein Anglo-American Mortgage and Trust company is plaintiff, and Henry Gosmond, et al defendants; I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 27th day of February A. D. 1894, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate; to-wit:

The east half of the southwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of section seven (7) in township seven (7) north of range six (6) east of the sixth P. M. in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 24th day of January A. D. 1894.

SAM McCLAY, Sheriff.

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In the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska.

At the session of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, continued and held at the United States Court room in the city of Lincoln, in said state, on the 18th day of January; 1894, the Honorable Elmer S. Dundy being present and presiding in said court, the following among other proceedings were had and done; to-wit:

The State Savings Bank of Des Moines, Iowa, Plaintiff.

vs. Mary Ann Morrissey, Frank Morrissey her husband, et al., Defendants.

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Now on this 18th day of January 1894, being at the January term A. D. 1894, of said court, it having been made to appear to the satisfaction of the said court, that this is a suit commenced to enforce a mortgage lien upon real property within the said district and that Samuel Weil, August Weil, and William Haskell, partners doing business under the firm name of Weil, Haskell & company, H. B. Clafflin & company, a corporation; Henry Rice, William Stix, Benjamin Eiseman, David Eiseman, Johnathan Rice and Elias Michael, partners doing business under the firm name of Rice, Stix & company and Mins L. Vinson, defendants herein are not inhabitants of and have not been found within the said District and have not voluntarily appeared in said suit. On motion of Pound & Burr, solicitors for the said plaintiff, it is considered by the court and ordered that the said defendants above named be and they are hereby directed to appear and plead, answer or demur to the plaintiff's bill of complaint on or before Monday, April 2, 1894, and that in default thereof an order be entered in this cause taking the said bill pro confesso.

It is further ordered by the court that at least twenty days before the said Monday, April 2, 1894, a copy of this order be served upon the said defendants wherever found if practical and also upon the person or persons in possession or charge of the real property described in plaintiff's bill of complaint if any there be and that this order be published for six consecutive weeks in the SATURDAY MORNING COURIER, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said District of Nebraska.

ELMER S. DUNDY, Judge.

January 18, 1894.

The United States of America, ss. District of Nebraska.

I, Elmer D. Frank, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Nebraska, do hereby certify, that the above and foregoing is a true copy of an order entered upon the journal of the proceedings of said Court, in the cause therein entitled; that I have compared the same with the original entry of said order, and it is a true transcript therefrom, and of the whole thereof.

Witness my Official Signature, and the Seal of said Court, at Lincoln, in said District, this Eighteenth day of January, A. D. 1894.

ELMER D. FRANK, Clerk.

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# NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest Gathered During the Past Week.

No such line of canned fruits in the city as shown by W. A. Coffin & Co., 143 South Eleventh street.

The Lincoln Coal company, 1045 O street, handles all of the very best grades of anthracite and bituminous coal.

Why pay exorbitant prices for upholstery when Rothschild does first-class work at low rates; 136 North 12th street, Burr block.

For Texas points take the Missouri Pacific route. City ticket office 1201 O street.

Whitebreast Coal and Lime Co.

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